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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Cheung, et al.
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For: Apparatus for Electro Chemical
Deposition of Copper Metallization
With the Capability of In-Situ
Thermal Annealing

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the claims pending in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An electro-chemical deposition system, comprising:
- a) a mainframe having a mainframe wafer transfer robot;
 - b) a loading station disposed in connection with the mainframe;
 - c) one or more [processing] electrochemical deposition cells disposed in connection with the mainframe; and